

Quick Quote

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GETTING STARTED

The Quick Quote application is a mechanism for you and other buyers in the Commonwealth of Virginia (COVA) to generate informal solicitations in an ad hoc format. Quick Quote fills the void between the role that the eVA eMall plays in fulfilling simple catalog ordering and the role that eProcurement plays in providing a full-featured bid and solicitation generation and response tool.

Quick Quote uses eight steps to carry out an acquisition.

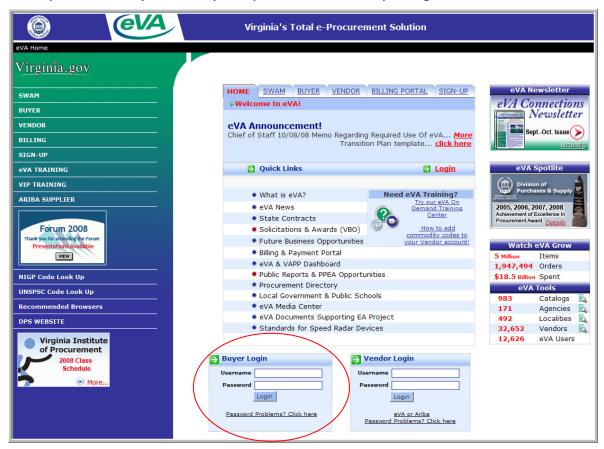
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Log In

Follow the steps below to access Quick Quote for the first time:

- 1. Open your Web browser, enter the URL http://eva.virginia.gov into the address line, and press **Enter**.
- 2. Enter your User ID (Username) and password in the Buyer Login section.



3. At the Secure Portal, click the **Quick Quote** link in the left menu to enter the Quick Quote application. (If the Quick Quote link is not visible, contact your Purchasing or Materials Management Department.)



View Quick Quote Requests

There are three places where you can view Quick Quote requests:

• Current Request List



- Past Request List
- Request by buysenseOrg List

Current Request List

The main Quick Quote page contains a list of requests where the Bid Valid period has not elapsed. The Bid Valid period is the number of days from the Response Due Date that the vendor quotes must be valid.

Each row on the Current Request List displays the Quick Quote request ID, the number of Responses, Request Title, Create Date, Bid Valid period, Issue Date, Response Due Date, and Status.



There are seven statuses for current requests:

Status	Definition
composing	The request has been created but not submitted.
issued	The request has been submitted but the response due date has not passed. You can view vendor responses if there are any.
closed	The response due date for the request has passed. You can evaluate and award responses if there are any.
canceled	An issued request that was canceled.
bids opened	 The request is in <i>closed</i> status and you selected the Publish Bid Tabulation check box so that vendors can view all responses. You can evaluate and award responses if there are any. Or
	You have evaluated at least one line item on the request.
awarded	You have selected the Set Status to Awarded check box on the Evaluation to manually update the request status to <i>awarded</i> . You can continue to evaluate and award responses, and publish bid tabulation information.
no award	You have set all lines to <i>no award</i> or set all previously awarded lines to <i>no award</i> without awarding any lines.

Requests are displayed in the order of the Request IDs, from oldest to newest. You can change the number of requests to show per page by entering a number in the Requests to show per page: text box and clicking **Search**.

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If there are more requests than what you see on the page, you can navigate through the list using the **Next** and **Previous** buttons.

Click a sortable column heading (Request ID, Request Title, Issue Date, or Response Due Date) to change the sort order. The current sort is shown with an up or down arrow beside the column heading. Select the same column to reverse the sort (ascending to descending).

Past Request List

After the Bid Valid period (Close Date plus Bid Valid days) has elapsed, the Quick Quote request moves to the Past Request List. Each row displays the Request ID, Request Title, Create Date, Bid Valid, Issue Date, Response Due Date, Status, and Responses.



There are four statuses for past requests:

Status	Definition
canceled	An issued request that was canceled
awarded	The buyer has evaluated and awarded the request
no award	The buyer has set all lines to <i>no award</i> or has set all previously awarded lines to <i>no award</i> without awarding any lines
contact buyer	Contact the buyer for more information about the status of the request

You can sort the Past Request List like the Current Request List, by Request ID, Request Title, Issue Date, or Response Due Date. You can navigate to other requests using the **Next** and **Previous** buttons. You can navigate to the Evaluate Request page by clicking the **View Evaluation** button. Refer to the Evaluate History section for more information.



Request by buysenseOrg List

All procurement personnel are assigned to a buysenseOrg (BSO or Group Profile) within eVA. These are buying groups that have been set up within agencies to customize eVA functionality for each user. The **Request by buysenseOrg List** link in the left menu allows Quick Quote users to view Quick Quote requests and responses created by other buyers within their BSO until the Bid Valid Days of the request passes.

If you are a manager who needs to see the work of buyers outside your BSO, your administrator can assign permission to allow you to view Quick Quote requests from other BSOs.



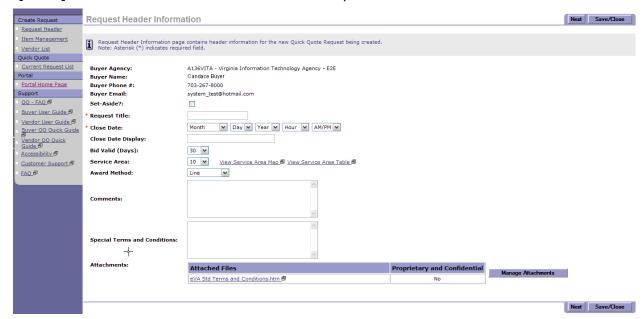


CREATE A REQUEST

Click the **Create Request** link on the left menu or the **Create New Request** button to create a new Quick Quote request. The Request Header Information page opens.

Request Header Information

Enter the following header information. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk (*). Quick Quote fills in the contact information from your User Profile.

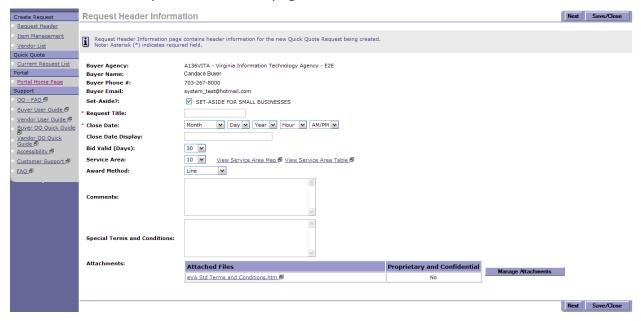


Field	Comment
Buyer Agency	Read-only, inferred from your User Profile
Buyer Name	Read-only, inferred from your User Profile
Buyer Phone #	Read-only, inferred from your User Profile
Buyer Email	Read-only, inferred from your User Profile
Set-Aside?	Used to designate the request as a Set-Aside for Small Businesses
Request Title*	Required. Up to 255 characters.
Close Date*	Required. Must be at least an hour after the current time.
Bid Valid (Days)	Calendar days; default is 30. If prices must remain valid longer, enter the days here and note the longer term in the Comments.
Service Area	The statewide area (10) is always included. Click the View Service Area Map or View Service Area Table links for help.
Award Method	Default as Line
Comments	Up to 255 characters
Special Terms and Conditions	Up to 255 characters
Attachments	eVA Standard Terms and Conditions is always included



Set-Aside

Select the Set-Aside? check box to designate a Quick Quote request as a Set-Aside for Small Businesses. The text, SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, will display next to the check box on the Request Information page when the check box is checked.



The standard set-aside text will be displayed with the Request Title information when the **Set-Aside** checkbox is selected (checked).



Request Title and Close Date

Enter the Request Title and Close Date (date and hour, EDT/EST). Both fields are mandatory. Vendors must respond with their quotes by the Close Date (also called Response Due Date on the Current Request List). Quick Quote requires the close date to be at least one hour from the current time. When you are ready to send the request to vendors, Quick Quote will again check that there is at least one hour between the Issue Date and the Close Date.

Bid Valid (Days)

Select the **Bid Valid (Days)** from the drop-down list. The Bid Valid period determines the number of days that vendor quotes must be valid, counting from the Response Due Date (Close Date). Valid selections are in 30-day increments up to 360 days.

Service Area

Select a **Service Area** from the drop-down list. (The **View Service Area Map** link provides a map of the Service Areas available.) The statewide area *10* is the default.

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The vendor list includes all vendors that registered for the Service Area and NIGP Codes you select. (NIGP Code is described in the Item Management section of this guide.) It is important to consider the service area that your local vendors might have registered. If you use the default statewide service area (10), vendors that did not register to provide statewide service will not be included in the vendor list.



Be sure to select the local Service Area to potentially include local vendors that have not registered for statewide service.

Award Method

The final step for the Quick Quote Request Header is to select a method from the Award Method drop-down list. The options include:

Field	Description
Line Item	Each item can be awarded to a different vendor.
Lot	A group of items are identified by a common lot number. All of the items in a lot are awarded to a single vendor.
Grand Total	All items will be awarded to a single vendor.

You can change the award method at the time of evaluation.

Quick Quote informs vendors of the award method so they can submit responses accordingly.

Comments

You can include any other information in the Comments text box, up to 255 characters. The comments are displayed to every user and supplier who views the Quick Quote request header. (Note: This information is not transferred to the Awards page or the eMall when the order is created.)

You can use attachments if you need to include comments that are longer than 255 characters.

Special Terms and Conditions

The Special Terms and Conditions field is available to note important terms and conditions, up to 255 characters.

You can use attachments to add terms and conditions that are longer than 255 characters.

Attachments

The eVA Std Terms and Conditions document is attached to each Quick Quote request header. This document contains information about general terms and conditions specific to the request.

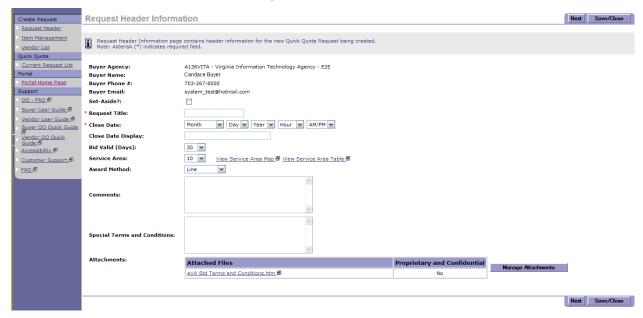
If you have general terms and conditions that are different than the eVA Standard Terms and Conditions, you can have them added to the online listing. To do this, contact your Account Executive and provide either:

- A link to the document stored on your site
- The document to be uploaded to the eVA Web site

You can include attachments of any file type.



To add an attachment, click the **Manage Attachments** button.

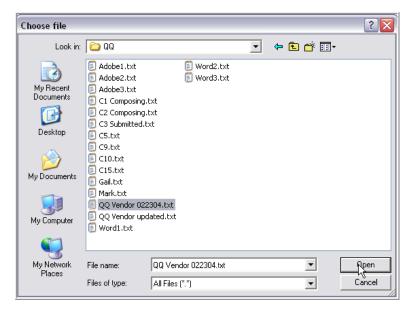


Click the **Browse...** button to open the Choose file window and locate the attachment you want to add.



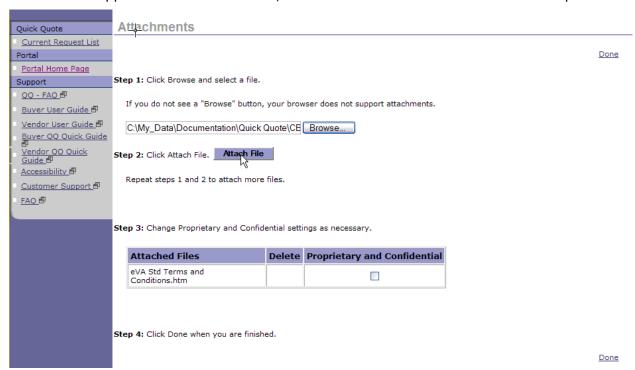
Select the file you want to attach and click **Open**.





The recommended file size for each individual attachment is 4 MB. If an attachment exceeds the 4 MB limit, you might experience a delay and the file might not attach. In addition, most firewalls prohibit users from downloading files larger than 4 MB.

After the file appears in the Browse box, click **Attach File** to add the file to the request.



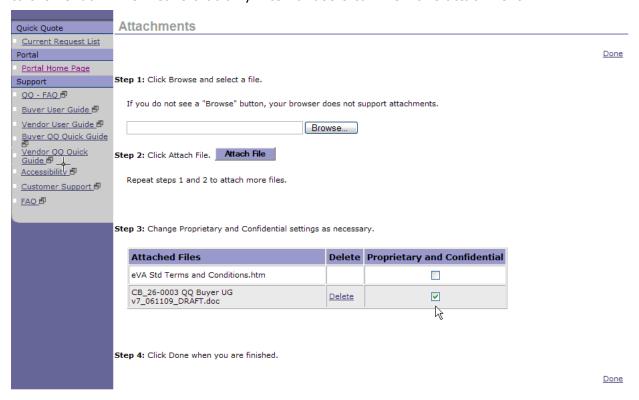
The file is added to the table under Step 3 with two options:

- Delete link
- Proprietary and Confidential check box

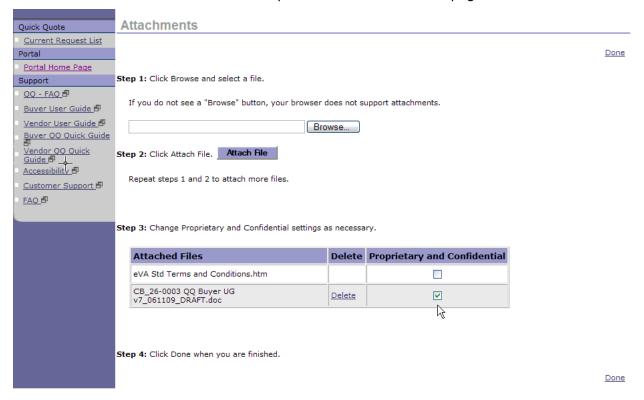
If the file you attached is incorrect or if you decide that you do not want to attach that file, click the **Delete** link that corresponds to the attachment.



Select the Proprietary and Confidential check box to prevent the attachment from displaying to the vendor. This means that only internal users can view this attachment.



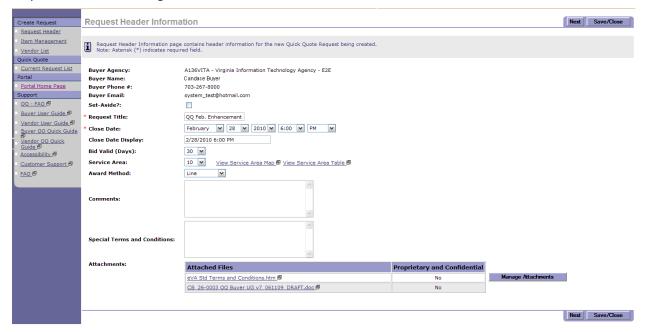
Click the **Done** link to return to the Request Header Information page.



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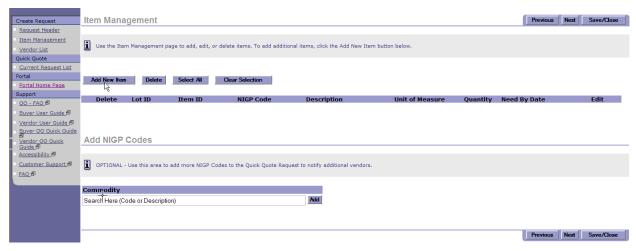


Click **Next** to access the Item Management page. Click **Save/Close** to exit the request and return to the Current Request List. Quick Quote automatically saves your request in *composing* status. Click the **Current Request List** link on the left menu to close the request without saving it.



Item Management

To add an item, click the **Add New Item** button.

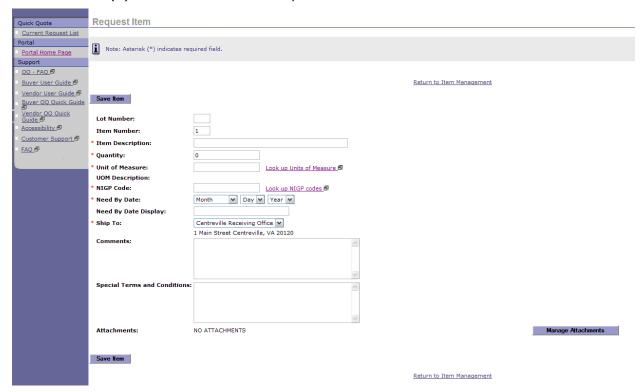




Request Item

The Request Item screen displays the fields for the new line item.

A red asterisk (*) indicates the field is required.



Field	Comment
Lot Number	You must enter a lot number if your award method is <i>Lot</i>
Item Number	Quick Quote-generated sequential number
Item Description*	Required
Quantity*	Required
Unit of Measure*	Required. Select Look up Units of Measure to see list.
UOM Description	Read-only. Quick Quote provides description based on Unit of Measure.
NIGP Code*	Required. Select Look up NIGP codes to see list.
Need By Date*	Required
Need By Date Display	Read-only. Selected Need By Date is displayed in mm/dd/yyyy format.
Ship To*	Required
Comments	Up to 255 characters
Special Terms and Conditions	Up to 255 characters
Attachments	You can add attachments to the line item, just as you have for the header

Lot Number

Only use this field if you chose *Lot* as the award method on the Request Header Information page. If you do not enter a Lot Number, the system will assign all items to Lot 0 (zero).

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Item Number

This field contains a Quick Quote generated sequential number.

Item Description

Enter a description of the item, up to 255 characters. This field is required.

If you need additional space, create an attachment and make a note in the Item Description that additional detail is in the Attachments section.

Quantity

Enter a numeric quantity for the item. This field is required.

Use whole numbers only; decimals are not allowed. Quick Quote generates an error message if the data entered is invalid.

Unit of Measure

Enter a valid abbreviation in the Unit of Measure (UOM) text box. Quick Quote will populate the UOM Description for the UOM. If the abbreviation is not on the standard list, Quick Quote generates an error message. This field is required.

Click the **Look up Units of Measure** link to see a list of valid units and descriptions. (Use the browser's **Search** or **Find** function to help you identify the right unit of measure.)

NIGP Code

NIGP Codes are the standardized commodity codes for goods or services that vendors have registered to provide. Enter a valid value in the field, and Quick Quote will provide the NIGP Description when you complete the Request Item entry. If the entry is not valid, an error message displays. This field is required.

Click the **Look up NIGP codes** link to see a list of valid commodity codes. (Use the browser's **Search** or **Find** function to help you identify the right code.)

Need By Date

Enter the date when you will need the goods or services. This field is required.

Ship To

Quick Quote initially populates the Ship To address with your agency's default address. The Ship To location name displays in the drop-down list and the address (street, city, state, zip) displays below the location name. This field is required.

If the Ship To address on a request in *composing* status has been deleted from the list of valid eVA addresses, a warning message informs you the address is no longer valid and you must select a new address. (You or your administrator will also want to change your default Ship To address in your User Profile.)

Comments

You can include any other information in the Comments text box, up to 255 characters. The comments are displayed to every user and vendor that views the Quick Quote request line item.

Special Terms and Conditions

Use the Special Terms and Conditions field to give information to vendors that is specific to this line item, such as special packaging requirements.

This field can accommodate up to 255 characters.

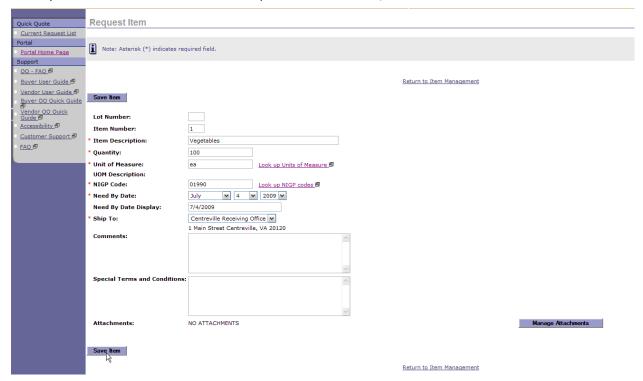


Attachments

You can include attachments of any file type on each item. Click **Manage Attachments** to provide expanded description, comments, special terms and conditions, or any other information you may need to provide the vendor.

Do not add attachments with a file size larger than 4 MB. Large attachments might cause a substantial delay and they exceed the limits that many vendors have for downloading large files through their firewalls or Internet Service Providers (ISP).

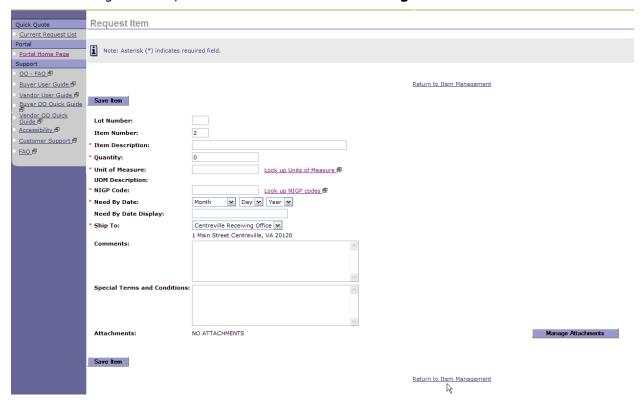
After you have filled out all of the required information, click the **Save Item** button.



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After the item is saved, a new Request Item page appears with a 2 in the Item Number field. Enter all required information to add another item to the request. When you are finished adding all items, click the **Return to Item Management** link.



The new item is added to your list on the Item Management page. If you need to edit an item, click the **Edit** link next to the item and repeat the steps outlined above.



Add NIGP Codes

The Add NIGP Codes area allows you to add NIGP Codes to the Quick Quote Request so that additional vendors are notified of the Quick Quote request. This is helpful in situations where there is a mismatch between the commodities for which a vendor has registered and the commodity that is on a solicitation. Completing this area is optional.



To use this feature, click inside the text box labeled Search Here (Code or Description) and begin typing an NIGP Code or keyword (commodity description). A search is triggered after two characters are entered in this field. The 20 closest matches to the commodity code or description are displayed below the field. As more characters are entered, the search results are refined. To select a value from the list of search results, click the value in the list so that it displays in the text box.



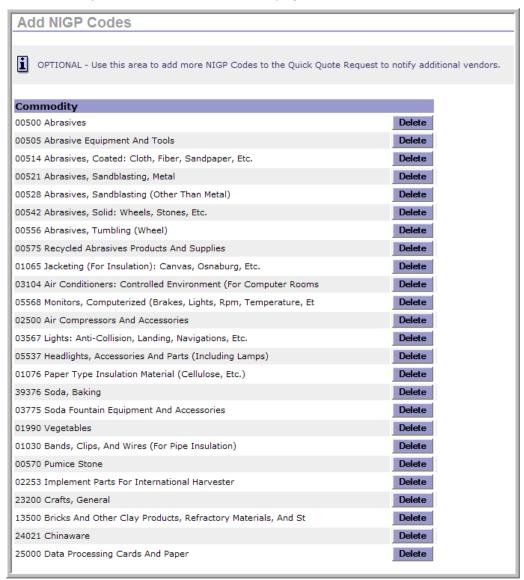
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Click the **Add** button to add the value to the Commodity list. Upon doing so, it becomes a read-only row directly above the Search Here text box. The **Add** button is visible and enabled while the Quick Quote request is in *composing* status.



The maximum number of commodities that you can add to the Add NIGP Codes area is 25. When the limit is reached, the search box and **Add** button will be hidden. They remain hidden until you delete a record on this page.



To remove an item from the Commodity list, click the **Delete** button beside the commodity that you want to delete.



Vendor List

Quick Quote generates a list of vendors based on the commodity codes (NIGP codes from the Item Management lines and the NIGP codes listed in the Add NIGP Codes area) and service areas (Service Area from the Request Header Information page) who have the same values set in their registration account.

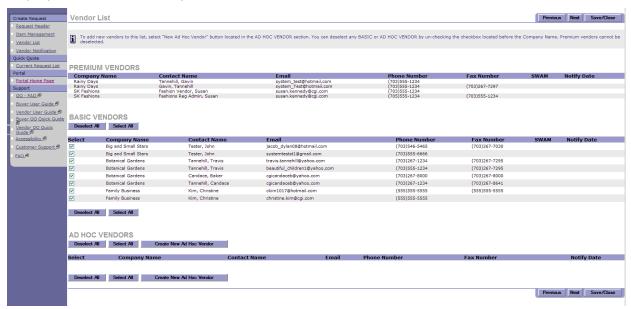
Vendors are displayed on the Vendor List in three sections:

Section	Description	Add or Delete
Premium Vendors	Vendors that registered for <i>Premium</i> service level are always notified of bidding opportunities for their registered commodity codes.	You cannot deselect Premium Vendors.
Basic Vendors	Vendors that registered for <i>Basic</i> service level.	You can deselect Basic Vendors.
Ad Hoc Vendors	Vendors that you can add to the vendor list.	You can add Ad Hoc Vendors manually.



It is important for vendors to know the importance of registering in eVA with all applicable NIGP Codes, Federal Tax ID, and Service Area information.

Vendors that have registered multiple solicitation locations, or have identified multiple users to be notified, will appear more than once. Each entry shows the location's email address, phone number, fax number, and contact information. If a single vendor location is registered for multiple NIGP Codes on a Quick Quote request, the vendor location will be displayed and notified only once.



At any point, if you make changes to the request, such as changing NIGP Codes or Service Area, this Vendor List automatically regenerates using the new criteria.



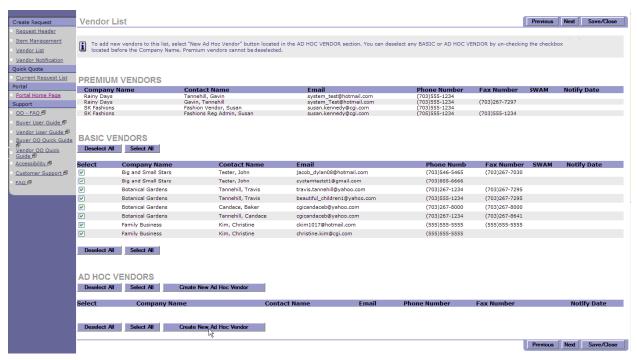
If a vendor you expect to be on the list does not appear, check the NIGP code entered for each item or add the vendor as an ad hoc vendor.



Add Ad Hoc Vendors

Until the request reaches *closed* status, you can add vendors that do not appear on the Vendor List (that is, they have not registered for the selected commodity codes or service areas, or they have not yet registered in eVA).

Click the Create New Ad Hoc Vendor button to add vendors.

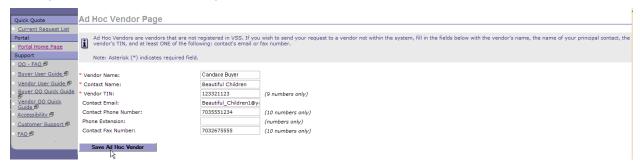


To add vendors, you will need to enter the following information. Required information is marked with a red asterisk (*).

Field	Required	Comment
Vendor Name*	Required	
Contact Name*	Required	
Vendor TIN*	Required	Federal Tax ID. MUST match the TIN on the vendor registration for the vendor to receive the request. Nine digits, no hyphens.
Contact Email*	Required if Fax Number is blank	
Contact Phone Number		10 digits, no hyphens or spaces (for example, 8041234567).
Phone Extension		Numbers only
Contact Fax Number*	Required if Email is blank	10 digits, no hyphens or spaces (for example, 8041234567).



After you have entered the required information, click the **Save Ad Hoc Vendor** button.



The ad hoc vendor information is displayed at the bottom. You can continue to add more ad hoc vendors as needed; click the **Return to Vendor List** link when you are finished.



If the Vendor TIN on the request does not match the TIN on the vendor's eVA registration, the vendor will *not* be able to view the Quick Quote request even though they have received a notification.

If you enter a Contact Email, Quick Quote automatically sends the invitation to the email address. If you enter a Contact Fax Number instead, Quick Quote faxes the request to the vendor. If you enter both, Quick Quote will only send out an email invitation.

If the Ad Hoc Vendor entry has incorrect information, deselect the incorrect entry and enter a new Ad Hoc Vendor record with the correct information.

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Deselecting Vendors

You can deselect vendors in the Basic or Ad Hoc sections by deselecting the check boxes in the Select column.

You cannot deselect vendors if they have already been notified (that is, the request was previously issued). Premium vendors can never be deselected.



Do not deselect vendors until you are ready to submit the request. If you exit the request without submitting it, or you make any changes to the request, the Vendor List will be regenerated and the deselected vendors will be restored.

Click the **Next** button to continue.

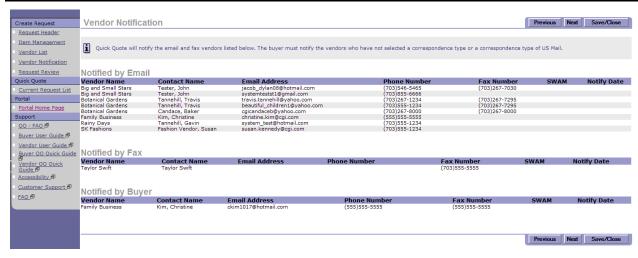




Vendor Notification

The Vendor Notification page lists all vendors to be notified of the Quick Quote request, separated into three groups.

Section	Comment
Notified by Email	Quick Quote sends an email to the vendor's registered solicitation email address. For Ad Hoc Vendors, Quick Quote uses the Contact Email entered on the Quick Quote Vendor List.
Notified by Fax	Quick Quote sends a fax to the vendor's registered solicitation fax number. For Ad Hoc Vendors, Quick Quote uses the Contact Fax entered on the Quick Quote Vendor List.
Notified by Buyer	The vendor has set its preferred method of notification to US Mail. You must notify the vendor manually. Remember to include attachments.



Printing the Vendor Notification List

You can print this page using your browser's **Print** function and keep it as a record of the vendors that will be notified. You can also use it as a helpful reminder to notify vendors in the Notified by Buyer section. (You can return to this page later.)

After you print this page, click **Next** to go to the Request Review page.

Request Review

Use the Request Review page to review your Quick Quote request. You can also print the Quick Quote request by using your browser's Print function. This page provides the details for each item so you can deliver a printed version of the request, along with any attachments, to the vendors in the Notified by Buyer section on the Vendor Notification page.

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To print attachments, select the link for each attachment and print them from their own pages.



To make changes, return to the Request Header, Item Management, Vendor List, or Vendor Notification pages by clicking the corresponding link in the left menu.

To save the Quick Quote request without issuing it, click **Save/Close**.

To send the Quick Quote request to the vendors and go to the Quick Quote Request Complete page, click **Submit**.



Quick Quote Request Complete

This page displays the name of the registered vendors who have been notified of the request.



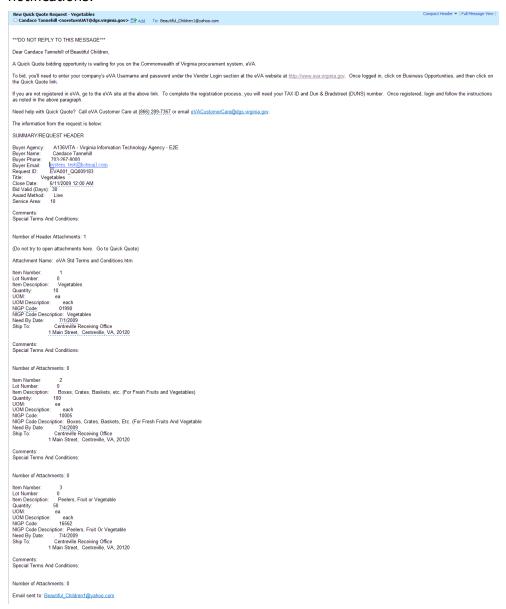
The notification includes all of the Quick Quote request information—header and line items, comments, eVA Standard Terms and Conditions, and the number of attachments.

Ad hoc vendors receive the same message as registered vendors. If the ad hoc vendor TIN does not match the vendor TIN at eVA registration, the vendor will not be able to view requests even though it has received notification.

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A sample notification is displayed. The same text is used for both email and fax notifications.



Help for Vendors

The notification includes detailed instructions for accessing Quick Quote and how to get assistance.

If a vendor calls you for help with responding to a request, refer them to the *Quick Quote Vendor User Guide*. Vendors can access the guide from the **QQ - User Guide** link in the left navigation menu of Quick Quote.

You can access the *Quick Quote Vendor User Guide* by clicking the **QQ – Vendor User Guide** link from the Support section of the left navigation menu.



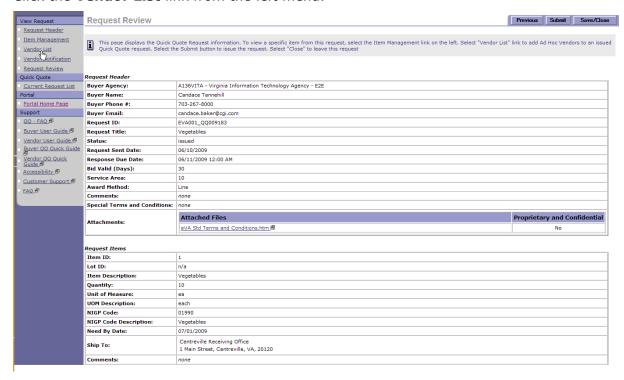
Add Vendor to an Issued Request

You can still add new vendors after a request is submitted and is in issued status.

On the Current Request List, locate the issued request and click its link under the Request ID column.



Click the **Vendor List** link from the left menu.



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Click **Create New Ad Hoc Vendor** and follow the instructions outlined earlier in this guide to add a vendor. Be sure to submit the request again so the new vendor will be notified of the request.



The Notify Date column indicates when vendors were notified of the Quick Quote request. The Notify Date for newly added Ad Hoc Vendors will be blank until the Quick Quote is sent to the newly added vendor.



You cannot add additional vendors after the request has closed.

Copy a Quick Quote Request

You can copy an existing request as a shortcut to creating a new Quick Quote request.

To copy an existing request that is similar to the request you want to submit, find a request that contains much of the information you need and follow these steps:

- 1. Navigate to any Request List (Past, Current, or buysenseOrg).
- 2. Find the request that is similar to the request you want to create and select the check box in the Select column.



3. Click the **Copy** button.

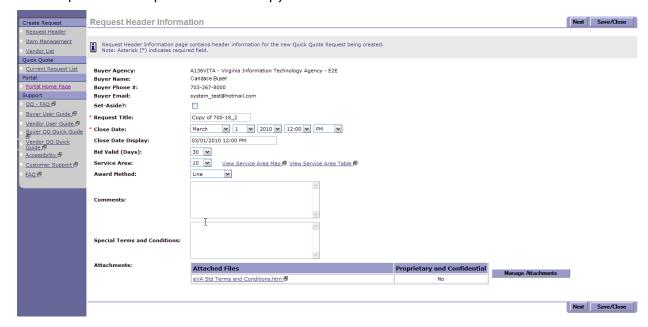




You can copy only one request at a time. If you select more than one and click **Copy**, you will receive an error message.

The new request contains all data copied from the original request, with these exceptions:

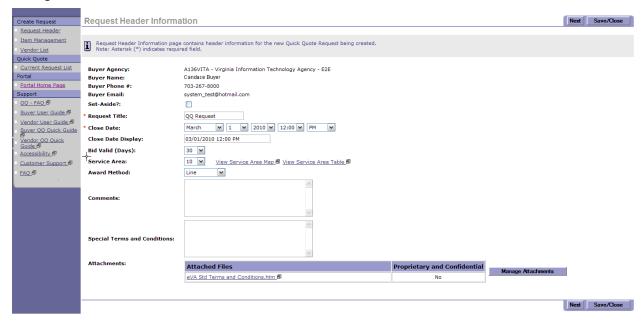
- · Attachments are not copied
- If the Set-Aside? box was checked, this will not copy forward to the new request
- Your current user information (Name, Agency, Phone, Email, Ship To) is added to the new request, even if the original request had different information or you copied another user's request
- The link to the current standard terms and conditions is displayed
- The Request Title is preceded with Copy of...



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4. Enter a new Request Title and adjust the dates for the new request. Make any additional changes needed to header items.



- 5. Add any attachments needed. Only the default *eVA Std Terms and Conditions* is copied into the new request.
- 6. Click **Next** to continue to the Item Management page. The items from the copied request will appear. Edit any item by clicking the **Edit** link next to the item. Add any additional items needed.
- 7. The Add NIGP Codes from the copied request are displayed. You can delete any of these codes or add new ones.
- 8. Click **Next** on the Item Management page to generate the Vendor List. Click **Next** to continue to the Vendor Notification page, and then the Request Review page. Click **Submit** on the Request Review page to issue the new request. To save the new request without issuing it, click **Save/Close**.

Cancel and Reissue a Quick Quote Request

You can cancel and reissue requests that are in *issued* or *canceled* status. The existing request is updated to *canceled* and a new request is created by copying the existing (*canceled*) request. You can only cancel and reissue one request at a time, and only one cancel and reissue action will be allowed on a request.



You cannot cancel and reissue a request that has already been reissued; you will receive an error message.

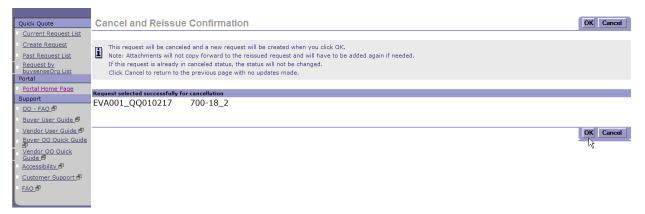
To cancel and reissue a new request, follow the steps outlined below.

1. On the Current Request List page, select the check box in the Select column next to the request you want to cancel and reissue, and then click **Cancel/Reissue**.





The Cancel and Reissue Confirmation page displays the Quick Quote request that will be canceled.



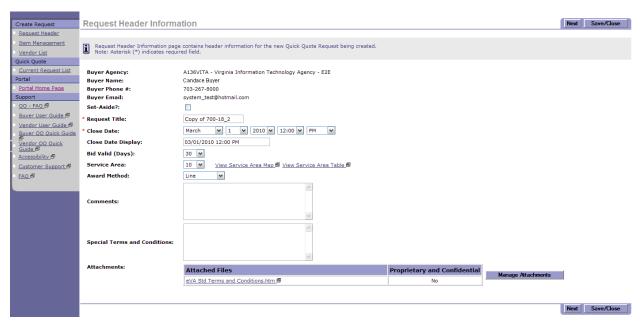
2. Click **OK** to continue with the cancel and reissue action. The selected Quick Quote request will be updated to *canceled* and a new request will be created. Click **Cancel** to return to the Current Request List—the reissue action will be canceled and the status of the selected request will remain unchanged.

The new request contains all data copied from the original request, with these exceptions:

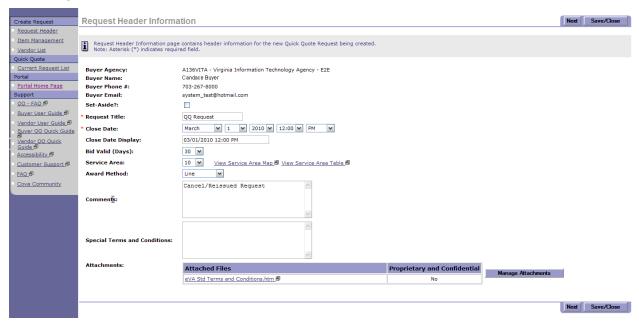
- Attachments are not copied
- If the Set-Aside? box was checked, this will not copy forward to the new request
- The link to the current standard terms and conditions is displayed
- The Request Title is preceded with Copy of...

CREATE A REQUEST





3. Enter a new Request Title and adjust the dates for the new request. Make any additional changes needed to header items.



- 4. Add any attachments needed. Only the default *eVA Std Terms and Conditions* attachment is copied into the new reissued request.
- 5. Click **Next** to continue to the Item Management page. The items from the copied request are displayed. Edit any item by clicking the **Edit** link next to the item. Add any additional items.
- 6. The Add NIGP Codes from the copied request are displayed. You can delete any of these codes or add new ones.
- 7. Click **Next** on the Item Management page to generate the Vendor List. Click **Next** to continue to the Vendor Notification page, and then the Request Review page. Click



Submit on the Request Review page to issue the new request. To save the new request without issuing it, click **Save/Close**.

Cancel or Delete a Quick Quote Request

You can delete requests that have not been issued (that is, are still in *composing* status). Vendors will never see deleted requests because they were never issued.

You can cancel requests that have been issued but have not closed. When vendors view the request, they will see that it is in *canceled* status.

To cancel or delete requests, go to the Current Request List. Select the check box in the Select column next to the requests you want to cancel or delete, then click **Cancel/Delete**.



If you select a request that is in any status other than *composing* or *issued*, the request status will not change. The Request Delete page displays the requests that will be deleted or canceled, and those that will remain unchanged.



CREATE A REQUEST



Click **Submit** to continue with the cancel or delete action and return to the Current Request List. The statuses of the requests you changed are updated.





VENDOR RESPONSES

Multiple Responses from the Same Vendor

Vendors can offer multiple quotes for a request line item by submitting separate responses to the Quick Quote request. In this case, you will see multiple responses from the same vendor.

Vendor Changes

Until a request is closed, vendors can edit their responses as often as they want. They can view their submitted responses and make changes to any fields for any line. They can also delete any submitted responses.

After the Response Due date passes, the request closes. Vendors cannot make any more changes, and they cannot submit or delete any responses.

Paper Responses

A vendor might send a paper response to a Quick Quote request instead of responding to the request electronically. When this happens, you can enter a paper response on the vendor's behalf. After you submit the paper response, an email or fax notification is sent to the vendor. Vendors can view the paper responses submitted on their behalf, but they are not able to edit them.



You cannot enter a paper response for a request that has been evaluated, that is, a request that has a status of awarded or no award.

To enter a paper response, follow these steps:

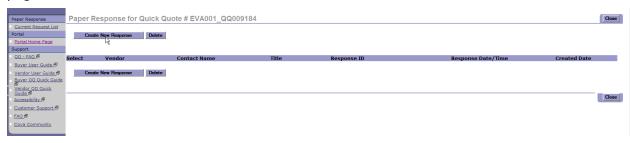
1. Select the check box next to a request and click the **Paper Response** button.



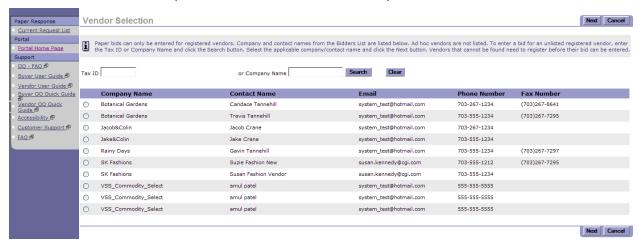
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Click the Create New Response button on the Paper Response for Quick Quote # page.



3. The table on the Vendor Selection page initially displays all vendors who were on the Vendor List when the request was created with the exception of ad hoc vendors.



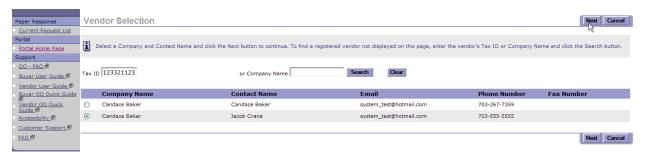
a. If the vendor for which you want to create the paper response is on the list, select the radio button next to the vendor. Click **Next** to open the Response Header page.



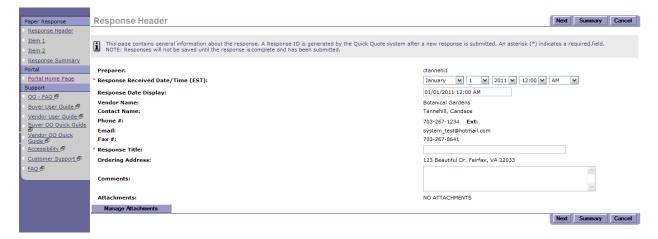
b. If the vendor for which you want to create the paper response is not on the list, you can search for it. The vendor must be registered and active. Enter the vendor Tax ID or Company Name in the corresponding text boxes and click **Search**. After you have found the vendor, select it and click **Next** to open the Response Header page.



QUICK QUOTE Vendor Responses



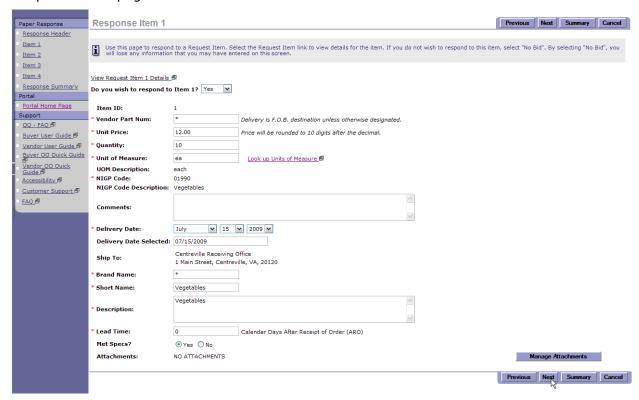
- c. If the vendor is not on the initial list and you cannot find it during your search, you cannot enter a paper response at this time. Contact the vendor and have the vendor register in eVA.
- 4. The Response Header page displays with the vendor information. You are listed as the Preparer of the paper response. Enter the date that you received the paper response in the Response Received Date/Time section (Note: this date cannot be later than the Response Due Date.) Enter a Response Title and any other comments or attachments and click **Next**.



VENDOR RESPONSES

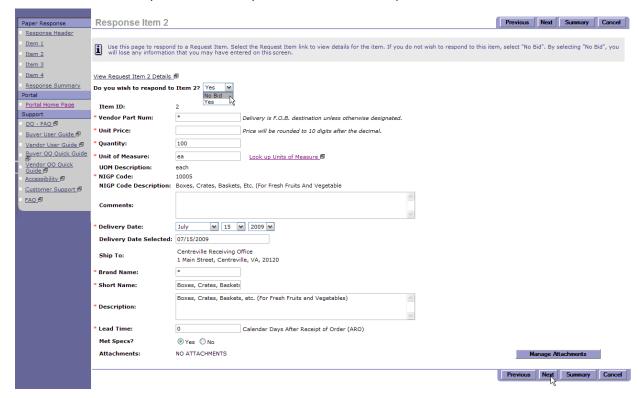


5. The first Response Item page displays with most of the information filled out. Enter the Unit Price for the line item, edit any other information, and click **Next** to go to the next Response Item page.





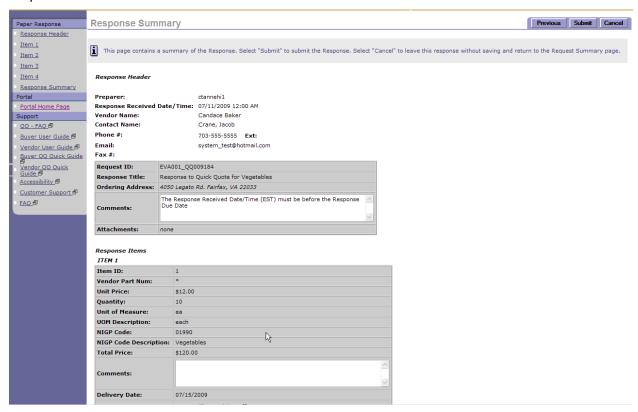
6. Continue entering the vendor's response information and clicking **Next** until you have placed a bid on each item. If the vendor did not respond to a particular line item, select *No Bid* from the Do you wish to response to Item #? drop-down list.



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 After you enter the vendor response for all items, click **Summary** to go the Response Summary page to review the response information. Click **Submit** to submit the paper response.



8. A Response Completed page confirms the response has been submitted and the vendor will be notified that a paper response has been submitted on its behalf.





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View Responses Before a Request Closes

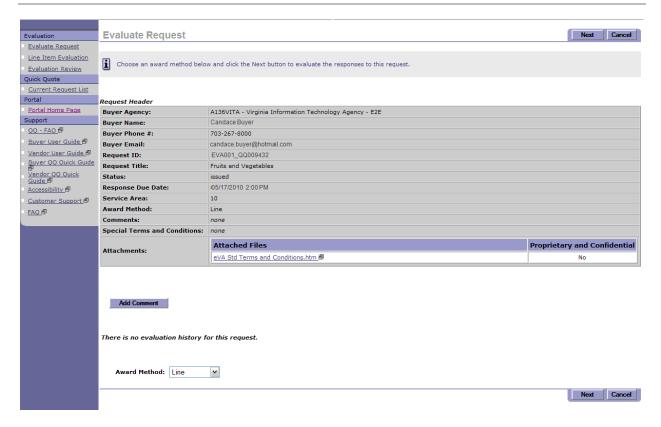
You can view responses before a request closes, but you cannot evaluate them until the Response Due Date passes. The Responses column lists the number of vendor responses received for each request. To view vendor responses, select the request and click the **Evaluate** button.



Click the **Next** button on the Evaluate Request page to navigate to the Line Item Evaluation page.

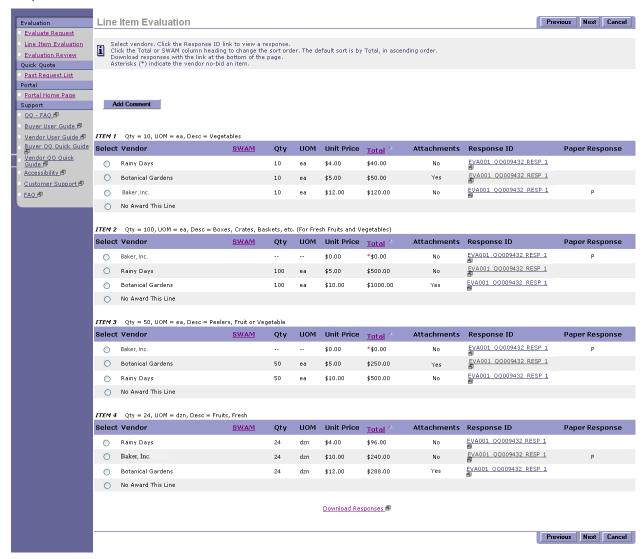
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The Line Item Evaluation page displays all vendor responses that have been received for the request. The Attachments column indicates if the vendor response includes attachments—Yes if there are any header or line attachments and No if there are no attachments in the response.



Click the links in the Response ID column to view each vendor's response.

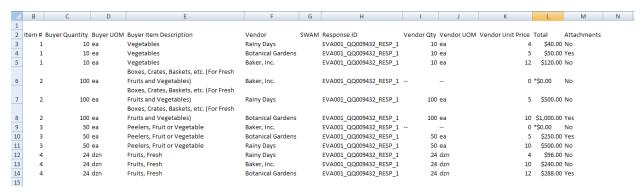
Download Responses

Click the **Download Responses** link to open a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that contains all responses. You are prompted to save the file, or open it in a new window.

Downloaded responses are initially sorted in ascending order by Lot number, Item number, and Total.

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Click the **Cancel** button on the Line Item Evaluation page to return to the Current Request List.

Evaluate Responses

After the request closes and all vendor responses are received, you can begin evaluating the responses. Select the check box for the request and click the **Evaluate** button.



No Award and Reissue a Quick Quote Request

You can no award and reissue requests in *closed*, *bids opened* or *no award* status. The existing request will be updated to *No Award* and a new request will be created. You can only no award and reissue one request at a time, and only one no award and reissue action will be allowed on a request. The **No Award/Reissue** button is available on the following Quick Quote pages: Current Request List, Evaluate Request, Line Item Evaluation, Lot Evaluation and Grand Total Evaluation.



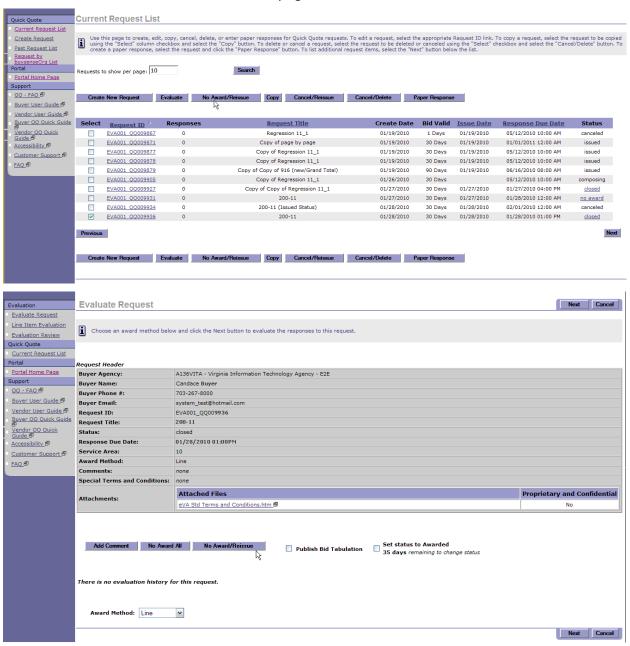
You cannot no award and reissue a request that has already been reissued; you will receive an error message.

To no award and reissue a request, follow the steps outlined below.

1. From the Current Request List page: Select the check box in the Select column next to the request you want to no award and reissue, and then click **No Award/Reissue**.

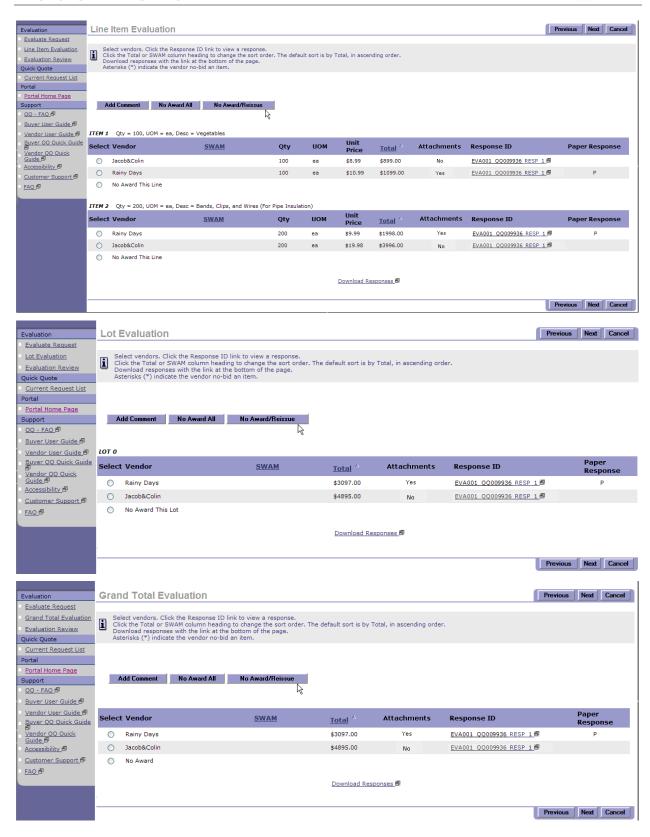


From the Evaluation pages: Select the check box in the Select column next to the request you want to no award and reissue on the Current Request List, click Evaluate, and then click **No Award/Reissue** on the Evaluate Request, Line Item Evaluation, Lot Evaluation or Grand Total Evaluation page.



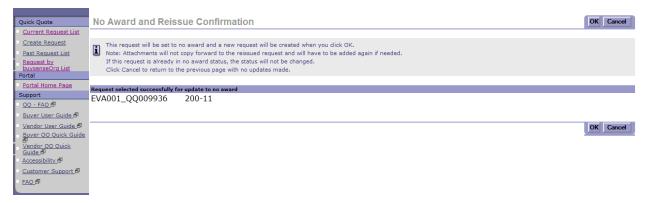
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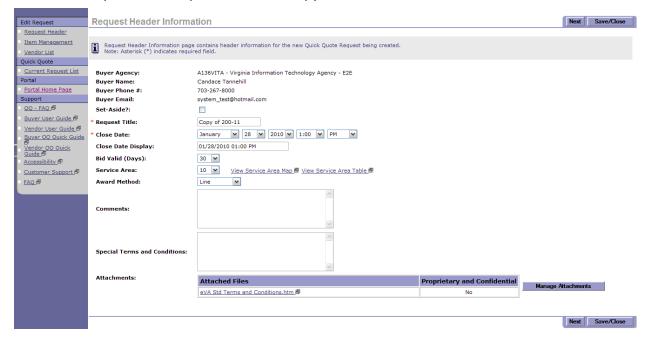
The No Award and Reissue Confirmation page displays the Quick Quote request that was selected for no award and reissue.



2. Click **OK** to continue with the no award and reissue action and create a new reissued request. Click **Cancel** to return to the Current Request List–the reissue action will be canceled and the status of the selected request will remain unchanged.

The new request has all data copied from the original request, with these exceptions:

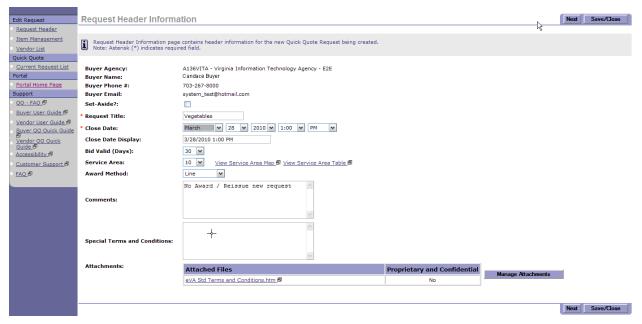
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RESPONSE EVALUATION



3. Enter a new Request Title and adjust the dates for the new request. Make any additional changes needed to header items.



- 4. Add any attachments needed. Only the default *eVA Std Terms and Conditions* attachment is copied into the new reissued request.
- 5. Click **Next** to continue to the Item Management page. The items from the copied request are displayed. Edit any item by clicking the **Edit** link next to the item. Add any additional items needed.
- 6. The Add NIGP Codes from the copied request are displayed at the bottom of the Item Management page. You can delete any of these codes or add new ones.
- 7. Click **Next** on the Item Management page to generate the Vendor List. Click **Next** to continue to the Vendor Notification page, and then the Request Review page. Click **Submit** on the Request Review page to issue the new request. To save the new request without issuing it, click **Save/Close**.

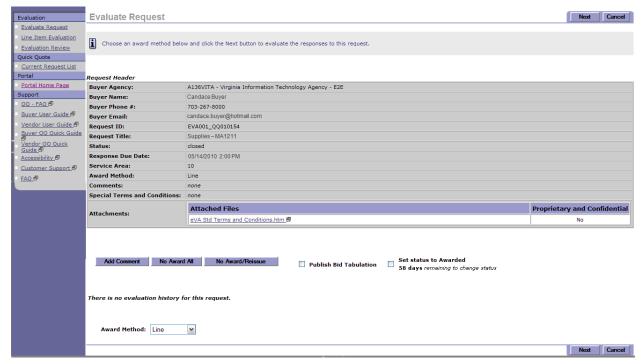


Comments will be added to the new/reissued and existing/no award request record to document the reissue action.



Evaluate Request

The Evaluate Request page shows the Request Header with the award method set to the value you selected when you created the request.



You can award by *Line Item*, *Lot*, or *Grand Total*. You can change the award method using the drop-down list. You can use only one award method for all items on a request. You cannot split the award method (that is, use the Lot method for some lines and award the rest of the lines by the Line Item method).

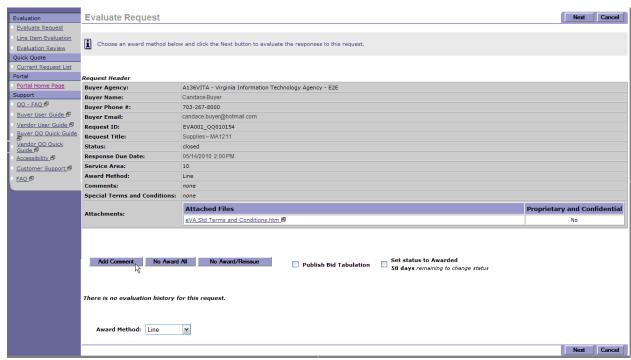
Quick Quote displays a warning if you change the award method from the original method.

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Add Comments

If you want to make a comment during the evaluation process, click the **Add Comment** button. (Note: this button appears in multiple pages in Quick Quote. You can access this page wherever the button is available.)





Enter the comment in the text box. The comment can contain up to 255 characters, including spaces. The character counter above the text box indicates the number of characters remaining.

Select a comment type of *Evaluation*, *Award*, or *No Award*. You can select more than one comment type, but you must select at least one.

Click the **Save** button to save the comment.

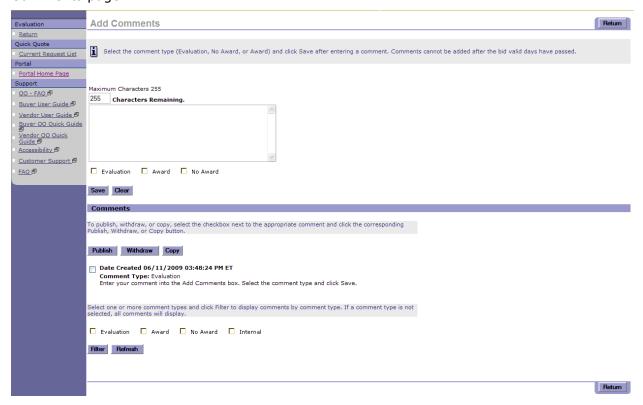
Click the Clear button to clear the text box.



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After the comment is saved, it displays in the Comments section at the bottom of the Add Comments page.



If you want vendors to see the comment, select the check box next to the comment and click **Publish**. A Date Published line is inserted to indicate when you published the comment.









You can withdraw a comment after it is published by selecting the comment and clicking **Withdraw**. Vendors will no longer see that comment.





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The copied text appears in the text box. You can edit the comment if you want. To save the copied comment, select a comment type and click **Save**.









Internal comments are system-generated comments added to the request as the result of a cancel and reissue or no award and reissue action to provide a reference between the canceled or no awarded request and the new reissued request created. You can view Internal comments in the Comments section at the bottom of the page. User data entry, publish, withdraw and copy actions are not available for Internal comments.



To view comments by comment type, select the comment type(s) at the bottom of the page and click **Filter**.



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Click **Refresh** to reset the Comments section to display all comments.



Click **Return** to return to the Evaluate Request page. (Note: if you access the Add Comments page from another page in Quick Quote other than the Evaluate page, you will be returned to that page.)



No Award All

If you do not want to award any item on the request, click the **No Award All** button. You are taken to the Evaluation Review page. Refer to the <u>Evaluation Review</u> section for further instructions about how to review and submit the evaluation.





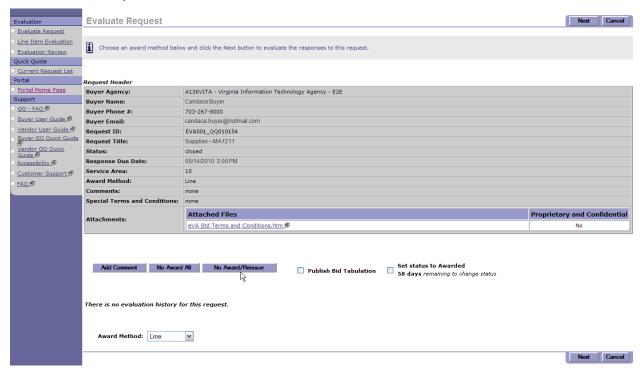
The No Award All button is available throughout the evaluation process.

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No Award/Reissue

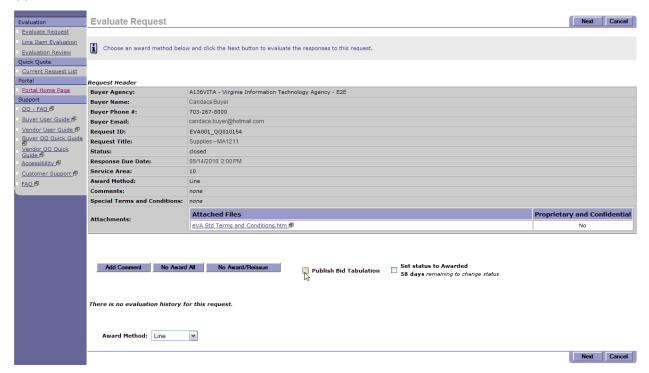
If you want to no award and reissue the request, click the **No Award/Reissue** button. Refer to the <u>No Award and Reissue</u> section for further instructions about how to no award and reissue a request.





Publish Bid Tabulation

If you want to publish the vendor bid information, select the Publish Bid Tabulation check box.



The Confirmation page displays. Click **OK** to publish the Bid Tabulation page. Vendors will receive an email or fax notification when you publish the Bid Tabulation page. Click Cancel to undo the action.

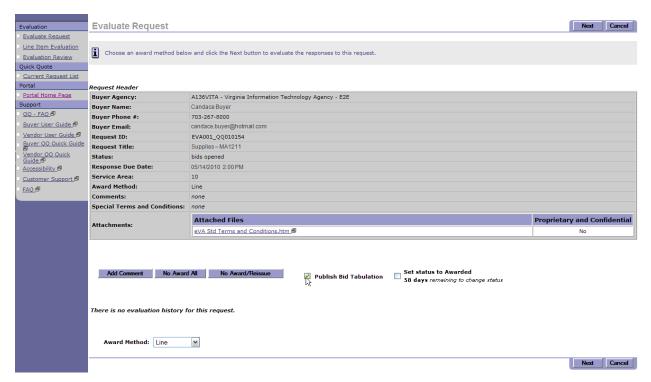


You are returned to the Evaluate Request page.

After the Bid Tabulation page is published, the status of the request changes from *closed* to bids opened.

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To unpublish the Bid Tabulation page, deselect the Publish Bid Tabulation check box. A Confirmation page displays. Click OK to unpublish the Bid Tabulation page.

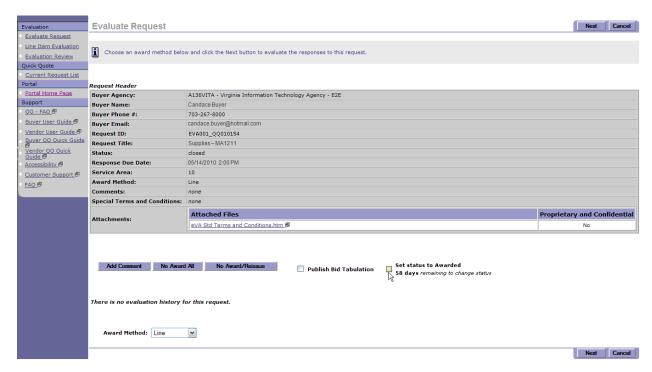


On the Evaluate Request page, click **Next** to continue to the Line Item Evaluation, Lot Evaluation, or Grand Total Evaluation page, depending on what you selected as the award method.



Manual Award

If you want to manually update the request status to *awarded*, select the Set status to Awarded checkbox. You can manually update the status to awarded for up to 30 days past the expiration of the bid valid days by clicking the *Set Status to Awarded* check box.



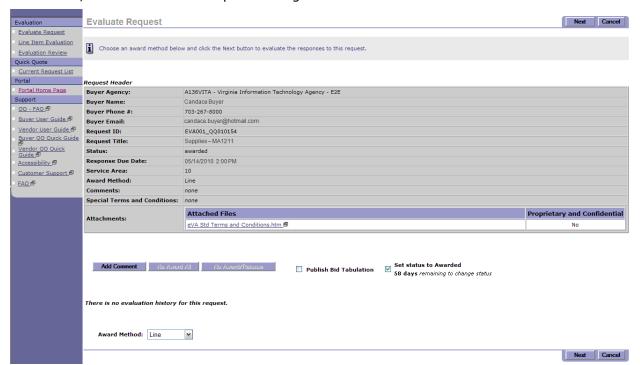
The Confirmation page displays. Click **OK** to manually update the request status to awarded. Click **Cancel** to undo the action.



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You are returned to the Evaluate Request page. After the Set status to Awarded check box is checked, the status of the request changes to *awarded*.



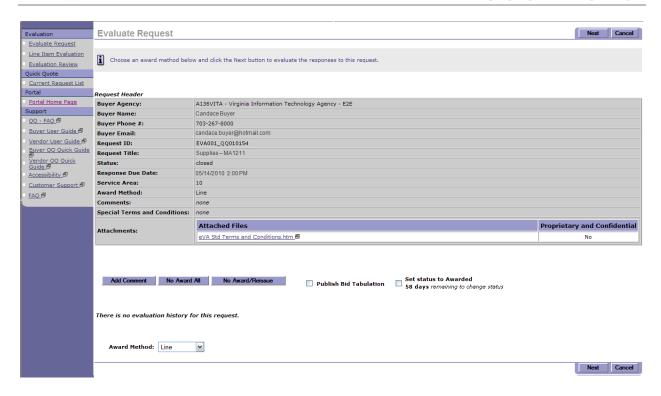
To reverse the manual awarded status, click the Set status to Awarded check box to deselect it. A Confirmation page displays. Click **OK** to reverse the manual awarded status. Click **Cancel** to undo the action.



You are returned to the Evaluate Request page and the Set status to Awarded check box is unchecked. The request status is updated to the appropriate pre-awarded status. If the request returns to *closed* or *bids opened* status, you can create paper responses.



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Evaluation

The Line Item, Lot, or Grand Total Evaluation page allows you to compare prices using the selected award method.

Responses are initially sorted in descending order by Total. Click the Total column heading to sort the responses in ascending order. You can also click the SWAM column heading to sort by SWAM type. The Attachments column indicates if the vendor response includes attachments—Yes if there are any header or line attachments and No if there are no attachments in the response. Click a link in the Response ID column to view the details for the response.

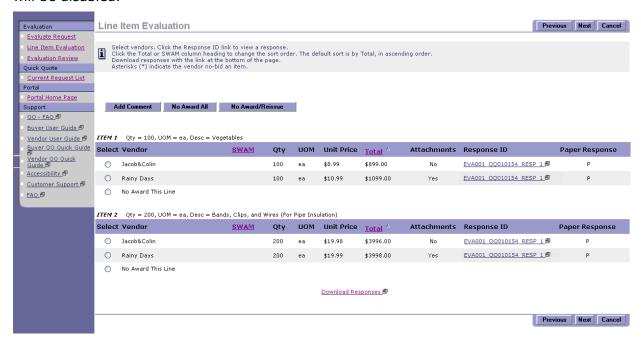
Line Item Evaluation

The Line Item Evaluation method groups responses by Line Item. Each section shows the item number, quantity, unit of measure, and description from the request.

You cannot award to a vendor with a *No Bid* response. No Bid lines are indicated with *\$0.00 in the Total column, and dashes (--) in the Qty and UOM columns. Quick Quote will display a warning message on the Evaluation Review page when a vendor with a no bid item is selected.

If you want to no award and reissue the request, click the **No Award/Reissue** button. Refer to the <u>No Award and Reissue</u> section for further instructions about how to no award and reissue a request.

If the Set status to Awarded check box is selected on the Evaluate Request page, the **No Award All** button, **No Award/Reissue** button, and the **No Award This Line** radio button will be disabled.





Lot Evaluation

The Lot Evaluation method groups responses by Lot.

If a response lot includes a *No Bid* line, it is marked with an asterisk (*). You cannot award to a vendor with a No Bid response. If necessary, change the award method to *Line Item*.

If you want to no award and reissue the request, click the **No Award/Reissue** button. Refer to the <u>No Award and Reissue</u> section for further instructions about how to no award and reissue a request.

If the Set status to Awarded check box is selected on the Evaluate Request page, the **No Award All** button, **No Award/Reissue** button and the **No Award This Lot** radio button will be disabled.



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Grand Total Evaluation

The Grand Total Evaluation method lists all responses together by Total.

If a response includes a *No Bid* line, it will be marked with an asterisk (*). You cannot award to a vendor with a *No* Bid response. If necessary, change the award method to *Line Item*.

If you want to no award and reissue the request, click the **No Award/Reissue** button. Refer to the <u>No Award and Reissue</u> section for further instructions about how to no award and reissue a request.

If the Set status to Awarded check box is selected on the Evaluate Request page, the **No Award All** button, **No Award/Reissue** button and the **No Award** radio button will be disabled.





EVALUATE A REQUEST

There are three award decisions:

- Bids Opened
- No Award
- No Decision

For requests with multiple lines or lots, you have several options when evaluating based on the award method.

Award Method	Bids Opened	No Award	No Decision
Line Item	Each line can be awarded to a different vendor	Each line can be set to <i>No Award This Line</i>	Each line can be left undecided
Lot	Each lot can be awarded to a different vendor (all line items in the lot are awarded to one vendor)	Each lot can be set to No Award This Lot (all line items in the lot are not awarded)	Each lot can be left undecided
Grand Total	All line items are awarded to one vendor.	All items are set to No Award	The entire request is left undecided

Evaluation Review

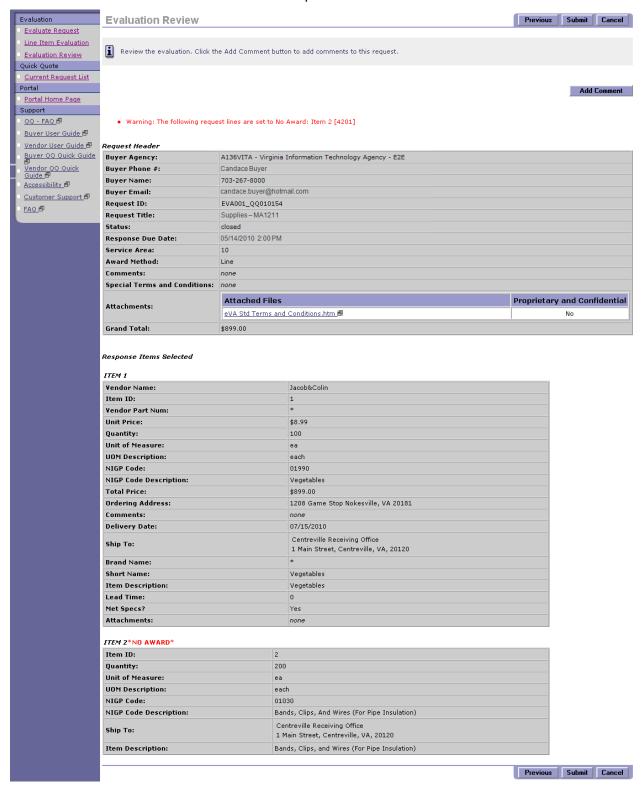
After you have made your vendor selections, click Next on the Evaluation page to go to the Evaluation Review page.



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The Evaluation Review page displays a summary of your vendor selections. Items with either vendor selections made or that are set to *no award* are displayed. Review the evaluation details then click **Submit** to complete the evaluation.





Requisition Generated in eMall

The Requisition Generated in eMall page displays with the ID number associated with your submitted evaluation decisions. Click the **Return to Current List** button to go back to the Current Request List page.



Award Completion

When you submit an evaluation, the status of the request changes to *bids opened*, and an eMall requisition is created with you as the preparer and a requisition number that includes the Quick Quote request ID and award number. The requisition is typically created in the eMall composing folder within 30 minutes of the award submission.

eMall Requisition Creation

The eMall creates a requisition from the Quick Quote evaluation using your User Profile and Group Profile default values for all Requisition Header, Line, Accounting, Ship To, and Bill To fields. The requisition uses the same edits and approval workflow as any other requisition you create in the eMall.

- The requisition number is created from the Quick Quote request ID and award number and is stored at the header and line levels on the Requisition. Storing the requisition number with each line helps identify whether the requisition lines was created in Quick Quote or the eMall.
- Since Quick Quote does not store details on a vendor's Ordering Location, the vendor's first Ordering Location is associated with all line items.
- The Need-by Date will be the buyer's delivery date, unless the vendor's Lead Time (that is, number of days from Award Date) requires a later date.
- The Commodity Code field shows the UNSPSC description translated from the Quick Quote NIGP code.
- The NIGP Code from the Quick Quote request appears in the NIGP Commodity Code field on the eMall requisition.

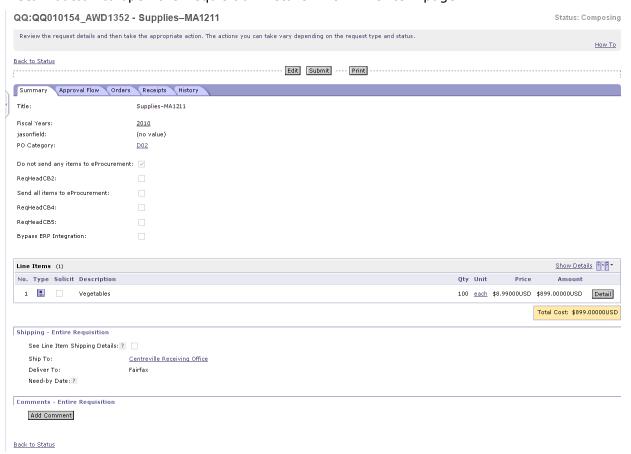
You can edit any field, including choosing a different vendor ordering location. You can also add other items.

After the requisition is fully approved, the eMall creates a purchase order for each vendor and ordering location on the requisition.

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Below is an example of an eMall requisition created from a Quick Quote award. Click the **Detail** button to open the Requisition Details: View Line Item page.

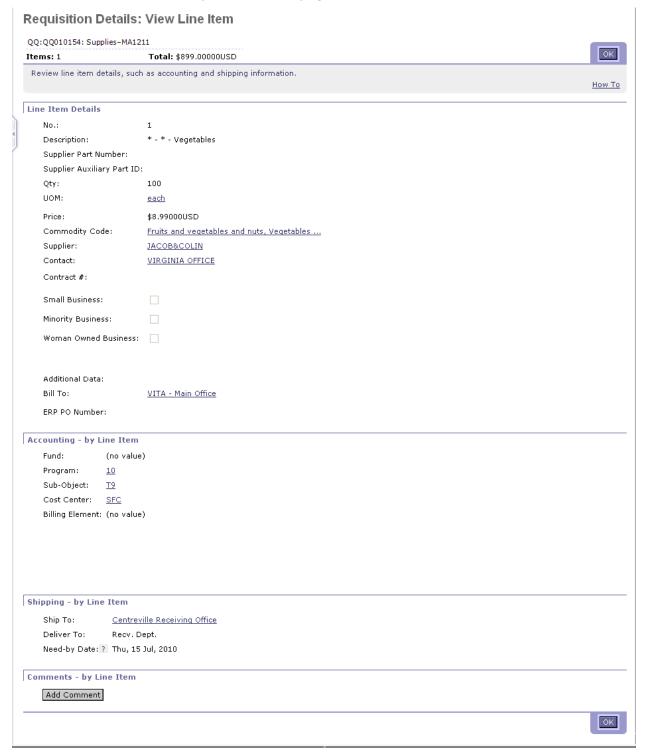




The Requisition Details: View Line Item page includes:

- The Quick Quote ID in the Item Cross Reference field
- The Quick Quote NIGP Code in the NIGP Commodity Code field

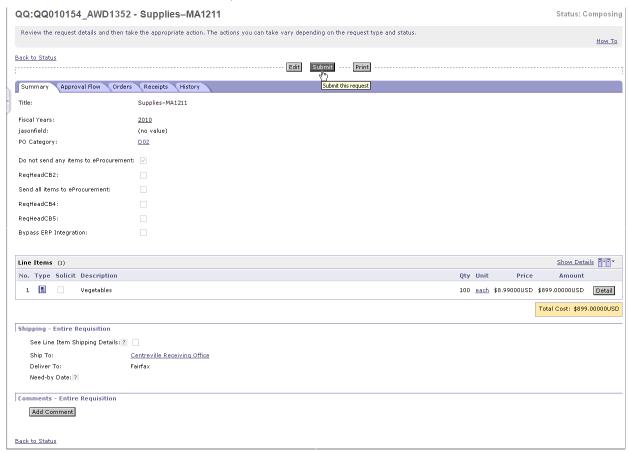
Click **OK** to return to the requisition detail page.





Submit eMall Requisition

Click the **Submit** button to send your order to the vendor.



Re-Awarding a Request

If a situation arises such as a vendor failing to perform, you can re-evaluate the Quick Quote request. You can re-evaluate a request as many times as you want until the Bid Valid Days of the request passes. At that time, the request moves from the Current Request List to the Past Request List.

Evaluation History

Quick Quote keeps a record of the evaluation history for each request. You can view the evaluation history of the request in two places:

- The Bid Tabulation Summary page
- The Evaluate Request page



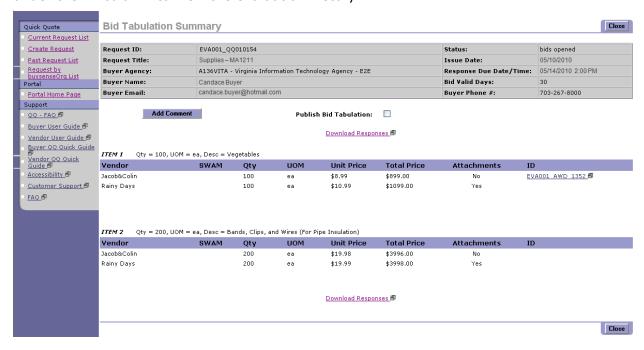
Bid Tabulation Summary Page

From the Current or Past Request List, click the link in the Status column of the request to access the Bid Tabulation Summary page. The links will be active for these statuses:

- closed (Current Request List)
- bids opened (Current Request List)
- awarded (Current and Past Request Lists)
- no award (Current and Past Request Lists)
- contact buyer (Past Request List)



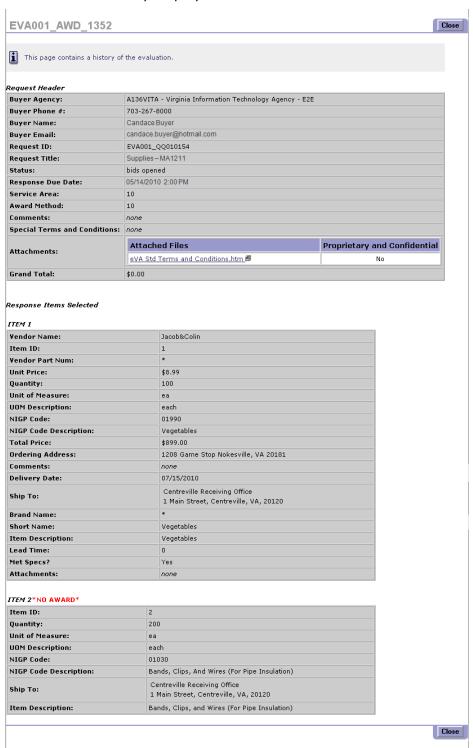
This page displays all vendor responses and award decisions for the request. Click a link under the ID column to view the evaluation history.



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The evaluation history displays in a new window.





Select or deselect the Publish Bid Tabulation check box to publish or unpublish this page to vendors. (This is the same functionality as the check box on the Evaluate Request page.)



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To view the evaluation history from the Evaluate Request page, select the request from the Current Request List and click **Evaluate**.



Next, click an ID link in the Evaluation History section.



EVALUATE A REQUEST



The Evaluation History page displays in a new window for the selected award.





To view the evaluation history for a past request from the Evaluate Request page, select the request from the Past Request List and click the **View Evaluation** button.



The Evaluate Request page is displayed. The only field that is enabled is the Set status to Awarded checkbox. You can manually update the status to awarded for up to 30 days past the expiration of the bid valid days by clicking the Set Status to Awarded check box.

